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## WWII War Pilot Donned 'Hero'

**Col. Robert K. Morgan  
Speaks Of Missions With  
The "Memphis Belle"**

by Anthony Welsh  
Staff Writer

A sold out audience listened as Retired pilot Col. Robert K. Morgan spoke about his experiences during World War II Oct. 30.

Retired Col. Morgan was the guest speaker at the Distinguished Lecture Series. This event was co-sponsored by the UNO Aviation Institute and the SAC Museum.

Morgan was the first B-17 pilot to complete 25 missions and return to the United States.

"Col. Morgan was chosen because we are trying to recognize our World War II heroes," Brent Bowen, director the UNO Aviation Institute, said "We saw him on the History Channel and wanted to bring him to Omaha," Bowen said.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Morgan joined the Army corps in 1940.

"I joined the Navy because I didn't like to swim and knew I didn't want to crawl through the dirt. That leaves only once choice, the Navy," Morgan said. "I had only been in an airplane once



photo by Steve Houlton

"There were no easy mission, [b]ut the secret to the B-17 was the capability of flying in tight formations--so tight that the wings were often touching," Morgan said. Morgan stands in front of a B-17 at SAC.

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## University To Announce IBM Partnership Today

by Ryan Gillen  
Staff Writer

To help enforce the ties between business and academics, university officials said they will announce today a partnership with IBM.

The Peter Kiewit Institute of Information Science, Technology and Engineering will officially receive its second "expert-in-residence."

IBM will send senior technical expert

Bill O'Brien to Omaha from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., to assist in curriculum development for the College of Information Science and Technology and the College of Engineering.

"His (O'Brien's) job will be to work with the deans of the two colleges and to work with business and industry in Omaha to identify areas in the curriculum where IBM

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## Med Center Students Awarded Scholarships

by Craig Perkins  
News Editor

Eight medical students at the University Of Nebraska Medical Center have been awarded scholarship from the Nebraska Medical Education Fund Inc.

The scholarships, in the amount of \$5,000, will cover half the cost of medical school tuition and are awarded annually to

outstanding medical students.

The fund was founded in 1959 by Omaha physicians Rudolph Schenken, M.D., and Clinton Millett, M.D. Schenken and Millett solicited contributions for the fund from more than 200 UNMC

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## Thompson Honored Employee Of The Month

by Matthew Epright  
Staff Writer

Claude Thompson, a staff assistant in the Office of Institutional Research, is UNO's November

Employee of the Month.

Originally from South Carolina, Thompson went to Air Force Basic Training at Lackland AFB, Texas.

From there he went on to serve for twenty-seven years, including tours of duty in Washington, D.C.; Thailand and Offutt Air Force Base. "Omaha's nice" Thompson said. "I served three tours here at Offutt, so actually, my family grew up here. My oldest son graduated from UNO's Industrial Technology [program]."

After obtaining the rank of Chief Master Sergeant, the highest enlisted rank in the Air Force, Thompson

retired from the military, and joined the civilian world. He says the transition was actually fairly easy. "I've always done clerical type work, so the work isn't that different. I just put on a different uniform."

Even out of uniform Thompson still goes above and beyond the call, according to his fellow employees. "The director of the office retired in October of 1997, and the office has been operating with a one-third reduction in it's work force," said one of the individuals who nominated Thompson. "As a result it has been necessary to assign many new and unfamiliar duties to Thompson. he has performed these new tasks accurately, without complaint, and with a high degree of professionalism."

On top of the director's retirement, the acting director went for heart surgery in July and was gone until the end of September. This left Thompson with a heavy workload.

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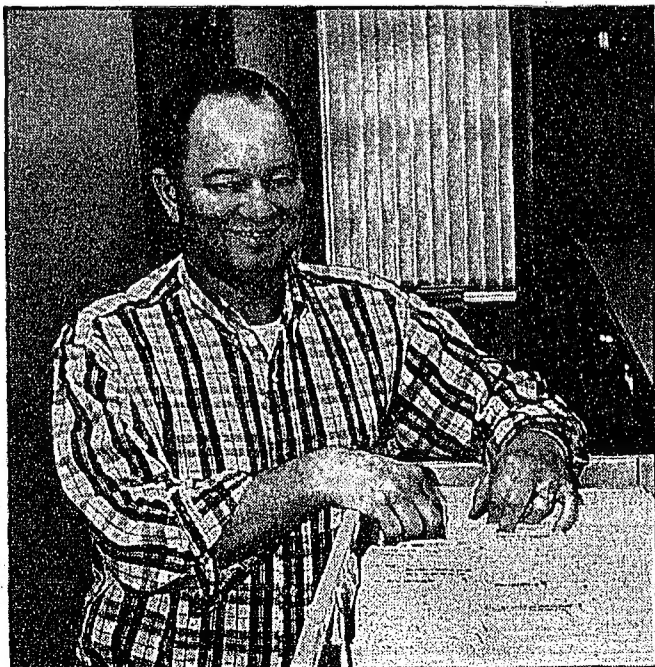


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- Claude Thompson, November employee of the month

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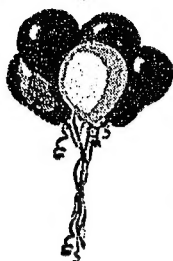
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# IBM Picks Up Tab For IS&T Expert O'Brien

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has experts," Executive Director of the Board of Policy Advisors for the institute Winnie Callahan said Wednesday.

By identifying these areas, O'Brien will "help ensure what we're teaching is current, state of the art and visionary in that it stretches us into where the industry is going," she said.

University officials said the institute's goal of bringing business and industry together with academics within the institute will continue to attract corporations around the country.

"I'm not aware of any university that is doing it as well as we're doing it," Dean of Information Science and Technology Michael Mulder said. "What we're hearing from folks like IBM is 'this is the correct model for industry and academic collaboration and we intend to tell the world,' end quote."

Last year, Boeing Co., an international aircraft manufacturer, sent

the institute its first expert in residence. Jimmie Haines, an information, science and technology expert, assisted with curriculum development and implementation.

Like Boeing, IBM will pay the salary for their expert-in-residence. Callahan said the institute will pay for the living expenses through private sector funds.

While the partnership with IBM is scheduled to last until the end of the 1998-99 school year, Callahan said the residence program may initiate a long term relationship between the university and the international computer company.

"My sense is they are very excited about what we're doing at the institute and, like Boeing, they are going to want to have a presence here for a long time," Callahan said.

The partnership will be announced today at 10 a.m. at the institute, 67th and Pacific streets. O'Brien could not be reached for comment.

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graduates that practiced medicine in the Omaha area.

Several years later, the Alpha Kappa Kappa and Nu Sigma Nu medical fraternities ceased operation and proceeds from the sale of the two fraternity houses were used by the fund.

Recipients of the 1998-99 scholarships are Ellen K. Roberts, fourth year

student from Bellevue, James M. Mahalek, a fourth year student from Kearney, Jeffery K. Ailes and LeAnn C. Beran, third and fourth year students both from Lincoln, Vu T. Nguyen, fourth year student from Omaha and Philip A. Pazderka, Todd Popp, and Daniel L. Surdell, all third year students from Omaha.

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"Claude Thompson has been the entire Institutional Research Office, since the acting director was gone due to major surgery. Without replacement or substantive support [he] has continued the operation of the office, [and also] made major strides. This has been a major effort on his part," wrote another.

As Employee of the Month Thompson gets some goodies. "I get my own parking spot for a month,

[and] I get my photo taken with the chancellor." Thompson will also be honored at the meeting of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents on Saturday, Dec. 12.

## For The Record

The Nov. 3 issue of the *Gateway* incorrectly spelled the name of former University of Nebraska President Ron Roskens.



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## Get To Know Your Campus



photo by Steve Houlton

### ■ Answer:

You're looking at "Song" by Catherine Ferguson, located between the Business Administration and Arts and Sciences buildings. As part of the renovation of the Arts and Sciences building, this artwork was created from the one percent required fine arts construction budget. The ball is made of cast bronze. The objects molded to the outside of the ball are pieces from around campus, specifically from the College Arts and Sciences. The bird on top of the ball represents something "positive," Ferguson said, and "the beginning of change. Browyn Fitzgerald, a HPER employee and former UNO student, helped Ferguson with the mold of the sculpture.

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before, and that was a plane ride my father gave me on my birthday."

Morgan started physical training in Feb. 1941, in North Carolina. "I remember being called into my boss's office one day... he lectured me on how he thought I didn't have what it took to be a pilot," Morgan said.

Morgan later chose to be a bomber.

On Dec. 12, 1941, Morgan received his wings. After receiving his wings, Morgan said he fell in love with a mean trick.

"I would be up in the sky and see a crowd of people. That's when the devil would get inside of me," Morgan said. "I would just fly down and buzz the whole crowd. What a rush that was."

Morgan's first mission was in France.

"There were no easy missions but if you had to pick one, this was the easiest," Morgan said.

Each crew had to do 25 missions before going home. "We wondered if we could finish 25 missions without getting

killed," Morgan said.

"Many times we were so tight our wings were overlapping each other," he said.

"I can't stress enough the importance of these people. If you want to just one word how we were able to go through Europe 25 times and get back home without a casualty, I'll give it to you. The word is teamwork," he said.

Morgan was later sent to the Pacific for battle.

"The Japanese made it real easy to bomb at night because they left all the cities in the lights on."

Morgan led the first B-29 raid (Dauntless Doty) on Tokyo. He completed 25 missions in the Pacific.

"One-pilot, two planes, 50 missions," he said.

After he came home, he went to Georgia to become a trainer, and then retired. Memphis Belle is now on display. Morgan said he looks at the Memphis Belle as a symbol of hard-work and teamwork.

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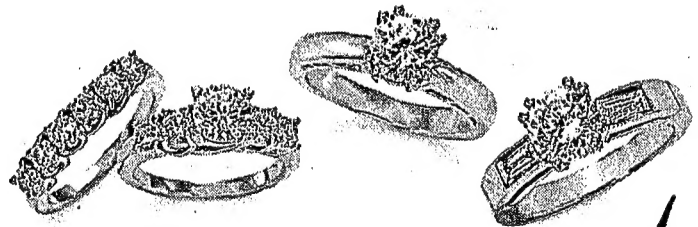
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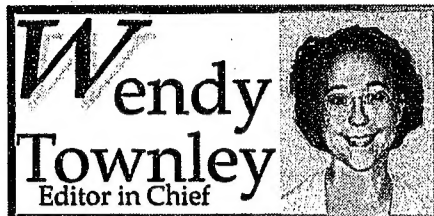
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# Gateway Opinion

## "Drive like it's stolen"



As loyal readers of this mighty publication are aware, I drive a Jeep. When asked why I purchased one, my answer was: "They're cute!"

Cher in the movie "Clueless" drove a white Wrangler, and we know how cool she is (or, at least, was portrayed in the movie). One of the main characters from the TV series "Party of Five" drives a Wrangler.

However, having met other Jeep owners and those who wish they were, I've learned and experienced first-hand the two most revered words in the Jeep dictionary: off roading.

My friend and I recently took to the open road (well, the city limits) one night in my black beauty. When we left home, my Jeep was in its usual pristine condition. You could see the moon's reflection in the hood eat off of the floor mats. It still had that new car smell and the plastic covering the dials was crystal clear.

I admit I was initially reluctant to take my Jeep into the rough terrain. The mud and mounds of dirt appeared ominous and foreboding, holding an unknown fate which frightened me. My Jeep? In the mud? Never, I thought.

My friend, on the other hand, was ready to explode with enthusiasm and anticipation, with climbing boots, floodlight and ugly hat in tow.

We have watched several hours of off roading "delight" on TNN. "Drive

like it's stolen," is a motto of one of the motorsport programs.

I quickly learned what goes on in those mud pits from hell and today, have become one of those off roaders.

Sure, Jeeps are cute, but they're built for this senseless, vigilante, off-roading behavior.

You see them driving down the road, sharing their patented Jeep wave. Drivers include men in suites, boys lacking shirts, some women, and gray-haired men with cigars in red Wranglers with plates that read "Hot Stuff."

Jeeps, like some people, have this dual personality. Monday through Friday, they serve as a sign of status, zipping in and out of traffic and shuttling their passengers in a utilitarian fashion.

When the weekend comes, some Jeep owners let loose, I being one of them.

Recent issues of "Seventeen" and "Cosmo" now go untouched at my visits to Borders bookstore, making way for various off roading magazines accompanied, of course, by "Editor & Publisher."

Upon first inspection, I hardly mirror the look of a true "off roader." I lack the stubble, consistent baseball hat and can of beer associated with some of these select few.

The rush I get climbing these mounds of earth, tearing up and down into the mud, driving through "sippy holes" (and at times, getting stuck in them with no hope of escape) can only be compared to the rush I get being editor of this great newspaper.

Yes, I believe I have finally found a hobby.

## To Own A Hand Gun



Guess what. Exactly less than 50 shooting days until the day some of us heathens will celebrate the birth of many of y'all's savior. I almost can't wait to put off most of my shooting until Dec. 23 and 24.

I will make this year different, special and hopefully a little gruesome.

I decided I will give back to at least one of my parents some of the joy, excitement and surprise I used to feel waking up Dec. 25.

I still remember sleeping for about fifteen minutes before running into the living room at 4:30 a.m. to sneak a gander at the precious loot waiting for my brothers and me.

After making a gallon of coffee to inspire Mom and Dad to drag their lazy asses out of bed to see how much nicer a person Satan Claws was compared to them, my brothers and I would slam a six-pack of Coca Cola and belch "happy birthday Hey Zeus."

Fulfilling our duty to the almighty, we then engaged in a ritual sacrifice of our family gator. After we gave Tom, Morris, Pepsi or whichever feline managed to survive a year in our household, to the gods of avarice, we proceeded to rip it up.

Oooooohhhhhh. I get chills remembering such pleasantries.

My father who, I later found, hid behind the guise of Satanna, worked tirelessly to help my brothers and I understand the importance of material-

ism and selfishness in our younger years. My mother did such a good job of enforcing the woman's role in the home: silent, passive-aggressive observer and faithful servant.

How can I possibly repay the male for his dominance and the woman for her devoted lack of action?

For the upcoming giving season, I recently decided, nothing says "I love you" and "I trust you" like a handgun.

Yes, you can believe it man. It's true.

Less than a month ago, I took my psychosis, thinly disguised as a functional human being, to the Sarpy County Courthouse and gave the woman behind the desk \$5. I filled out some paperwork and a week and a half later received my very own permit to purchase a firearm.

She told me the process would not normally take so long. I had to endure an extra two to three day wait because I filed on the Friday before Columbus Day.

When my permit arrived via a United States Postal Worker, I felt a felicity engulf my spirit so totally, I lost consciousness and passed out in front of the mailbox.

When I awoke to the sounds of my neighbor's wife cursing at and spitting on the police officers who were infringing on her husband's right to procure crystal methamphetamine in his bathtub.

I thought, somewhat out loud, "I, too, will soon be able to join the good fight."

Fall. What a lovely time to look past Yom Kippur, All Hallow's Eve, All Saints Day and the "we're going to steal your land, give you booze, tobacco and boom-sticks and later try to rehabilitate you" holiday, to the purest of all daze.

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor

While looking at the schedule for next semester I was appalled to see we get Martin Luther King day off in January, yet we don't get Veterans Day off on Nov. 11. I am a veteran and feel if you are going to give a day off that honors one man, why not give a day off that honors all those who have served in uniform, and the many who never returned from foreign lands.

Veterans are the ones who have made this country one in which every

person has a right to stand up for what they believe. On veterans day if I want to attend an event I have to miss school, and not get notes I may need for an exam. Yet if someone wants to attend a Martin Luther King day rally they don't have this concern.

Sincerely,

Mark Ermeling  
U.S. Navy Veteran, UNO

freshman



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# Arts & Leisure

## Gateway Theater Review

### "A Doll's House" Is Engaging

by Craig Perkins  
News Editor

In her notes, director Cathy Wells said until recently she was convinced Henrik Ibsen's 19th century play, "A Doll's House," was unproduceable but it was very interesting to read.

This production proves the play to be not only produceable, but very engaging and, considering the play was written over 100 years ago, even a little politically correct.

Nora and Torvald Helmer are a married couple, married 8 years, with Torvald just receiving a promotion at the bank where he works.

By modern standards they are a happy, yuppie couple a little on the conservative side with a domineering husband and a subservient, decorative wife.

It might be worth realizing that in some homes, the basic structure of this play wouldn't even be startling. Nora is treated like a child. Her husband calls her his "little squirrel" and "his little skylark."

In the past, however, Torvald had been very sick and in order to finance a vacation that was needed for his treatment Nora forged her father's signature (in that time a woman couldn't have borrowed money on her own).

This action comes back to haunt the Helmer's. Nils Krogstad, the opportunist who lent Nora the money and who is also an employee at Torvald's bank, blackmails the Helmer's. This action serves as the catalyst for Nora's discovery about the emptiness of the life that she has thought she loved.

Eric Griffith plays Torvald as the

perfect 19th century yuppie and not too far from many men today. The typical Tom Cruise cocky-young-guy. Hip, slick and cool with a horse-less carriage or BMW convertible. This kind of guy treats women like children and has them following him like lemmings.

Amy Kunz is incredible as Nora. At first the typical yuppie wife, self-centered, materialistic and so conscious of her image. She becomes frightened and manipulative when she is threatened with exposure and the destruction of her life and by the end of the play she walks away from that life.

Cathy Wells said Nora's discovery that her life is not what she has thought it was or wanted it to be. If this discovery is the focal point of the play, it is rendered as believable and very touching by Kunz.

Kunz, in the final moments of the play, seems to realize new realities while she is pounding them home to her husband.

Will Gray is the perfect film heavy as the opportunistic Krogstad. John Durbin is convincing as Dr. Rank, the physician who is both sexually repressed and in love with a married woman.

Connie Lee is very good as Mrs. Linde, a friend of Nora's whose path in life has been very different. She comes across as the modern woman Nora must simultaneously condescend to and admire.

The entire production is put together beautifully, with a set by Scott Kurz and lighting by Krystal Anne Kremla (both of whom were actors in BSB's previous production of "Equus").



## Gateway Movie Review

### "Living Out Loud" Leaves Audiences Scratching Heads

by Eileen Kenney  
Staff Writer

After 16 years of marriage and an unexpected, unwanted divorce, Judith Nelson (Holly Hunter) embarks on a journey of self-discovery — "Living Out Loud" — instead of inside her head in dreams and fantasies. Unfortunately, in this new release from New Line Cinema, Judy is looking for self in all the wrong places and writer/director Richard LaGravenese ("The Horse Whisperer," "Bridges of Madison County") tries to combine too much with not enough in her jumbled journey. In the end, viewers are left scratching their heads, wondering, "What was that all about?"

Judith hooks up in quick succession with a pick-up in a blues club, a call-guy masseur, and finally elevator operator Pat (Danny DeVito) who wants to be her happy ending, but something is missing. It is only after stepping out with blues singer Liz Bailey (Queen Latifah), to what seems to be a lesbian mosh pit, that things finally come together for our (not) gay divorcee. Hard to imagine? Equally confusing to watch. Fifth Avenue Judith wanders into a sea of writhing, erotically-oriented women, and thirty seconds later she's wordlessly leading them in some Michael Jackson-like music video dance number. As previously stated, "What was that all about?"

Surprisingly, Queen Latifah as Liz is the bright spot in this muddled offering. She's endearing, she has presence, and she croons a mean torch song. Her scenes are eagerly anticipated and enjoyed, but the after-hours jump into the mosh pit is out of the blue for her character and never explained.

Danny DeVito as Pat is a likable loser of a guy. His wife has kicked him out, his beloved daughter has recently died, he can't seem to keep a steady job, and loan sharks are calling due his markers. What makes him so lovable is that he truly thinks he has a chance with Judith. At times the audience might be inclined to root for the two to get together, but he really is too good for her.

As Judith, the med-school student who gave up an M.D. after her name for an Mrs. in front of it, Hunter does well with what she is given, but the character is written as manic and too frequently borders on unbelievable. For someone smart enough to be a doctor, Judith does a lot of stupid things.

Equally unbelievable is the depiction of New York. It looks too Hollywood back lot. It's dark but it's clean, with never a hint of big-city malevolence. After an evening of martinis at the blues club, decked out in her black sheath with pearls, Judith staggers the long road home unaccosted. Giuliani has done a good job as mayor and the crime rate is down, but this is pushing it.

"Living Out Loud" has a few solid laughs, a couple of good numbers by Queen Latifah, and Danny DeVito even sings. But what kind of recommenda-

## The Cheap and The Choice

compiled by Christine Kasel, Arts & Leisure editor

Friday, November 6

**"What's Up: The Leonid Meteor Shower"** Mallory Kountze Planetarium, UNO. This is my pick of the year, much less the weekend. An observational astronomy lecture and rooftop observatory (weather permitting) on what promises to be shower of a lifetime! Tonight and tomorrow at 7 p.m., \$3 per person.

**"Century's Lament"** Strauss Performing Arts Center, UNO. The Omaha Symphony's Spectrum Chamber Orchestra focuses on the jangled fears, optimism and nostalgia centered around the upcoming Y2K (the Year 2000) in tonight's performance. Featuring flutist Maria Harding. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Students/seniors, \$15. Adults, \$19. Tickets available at the door.

**Maverick Hockey** Omaha Civic Auditorium. The Mavs got a taste of victory last week. Now they're looking to sharpen their knives (oops! sticks) on Army. Puck drops at 7:35 p.m. If you can't be there you can still catch the sound of the blades on ice. Tune in to KFAB, 1110 AM.

**"The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"** Ralston Community Theatre, Ralston High Theatre, 90th & Park Drive. Didn't get enough chills during the spook season? Check this out. The RCT brings to life Washington Irving's classic tale of galloping ghosts! Shows tonight and tomorrow at 7 p.m. Students/seniors, \$7; adults, \$8; children 12 & under, \$5. For info, call 339-5867.

**"Oleanna"** Blue Barn Theatre, 614 S. 11th St., Old Market. Last chance to see this production of Mament's work, which runs through Sun., shows at 8 p.m. See the Oct. 23 issue of the Gateway for review. Students/seniors \$10; adults, \$12. Reservations recommended. Call 345-1576.

**"A Tuna Christmas"** Omaha Community Playhouse, 6915 Cass. Let's go back to the third smallest town in Texas for the holidays, shall we? If you loved "Greater Tuna," you'll love this sequel. A part of the Fonda-McGuire series in the Howard Drow Theatre, and definitely choice. Tonight & Sat. at 7:30 p.m., stu-

dents \$10, adults \$20. Sun. shows at 2 p.m. and 6:30, students \$8, adults \$17. What a deal! It's cheap and it's choice!

**"First Friday JAM"** Joslyn Art Museum, 2200 Dodge Street. Jorge Nila and The Jazz Ninjas perform tonight. This Omaha native has performed with Latin jazz great Eddie Palmieri and Paul Simon and opened for Dizzie Gillespie. Tonight's offering is a blend of Afro-music with modern jazz. For info call 342-3300.

**"Tony 'n' Tina's Wedding"** The Millard Plaza Ballroom, 5339 S. 139 Plaza. This interactive show, a hilarious look at Murphy's Law in action at an Italian-American wedding, has become a perennial favorite in Omaha. It's a hoot. Shows for Thu., Fri., and Sat. start at 7 p.m. Sun. shows start at 5 p.m. During Nov. the Thu. show is a steal at \$17.50 per person. The other budget beater is the Sun. show time slot, also at \$17.50. Otherwise you'll have to cough up \$35. For reservations call 398-1999.

Saturday, November 7

**Maverick Hockey** Omaha Civic Auditorium. See Friday listing.

**"Tony 'n' Tina's Wedding"** The Millard Plaza Ballroom, 5339 S. 139 Plaza. - See Friday listing.

**"A Tuna Christmas"** Omaha Community Playhouse, 6915 Cass. - see Friday listing.

**"Oleanna"** Blue Barn Theatre, 614 S. 11th St., Old Market. - Friday listing.

Sunday, November 8

**"Fall Festival of Choirs"** Strauss Performing Arts Center, UNO. In the recital hall. Performances at 3 & 6 p.m. Students \$2, adults \$3. For info call 554-3427.

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by Heather Price  
Staff Writer

The UNO Maverick swimming and diving team is making a splash, literally. In their second season, the team is showing they have what it takes to be called Mavericks.

In a strong showing last Saturday, the Mavs beat the University of Nebraska-Kearney Antelopes, 180-119.

"Our girls performed very well," Head Coach Todd Samland said.

This weekend they face two more schools in back-to-back meets. On Friday, the Mavs meet up with the Colorado School of Mines, and on Saturday they meet the University of Northern Colorado.

The Mavs have not competed against the Colorado School of Mines before, and will be heading into Friday's meet "totally blind," Samland said.

The University of Northern Colorado is a different situation. Samland said, the University of Northern Colorado has been ranked in the top ten on a regular basis and is a very strong school to be competing against.

A reason to be worried? No, "we're going to

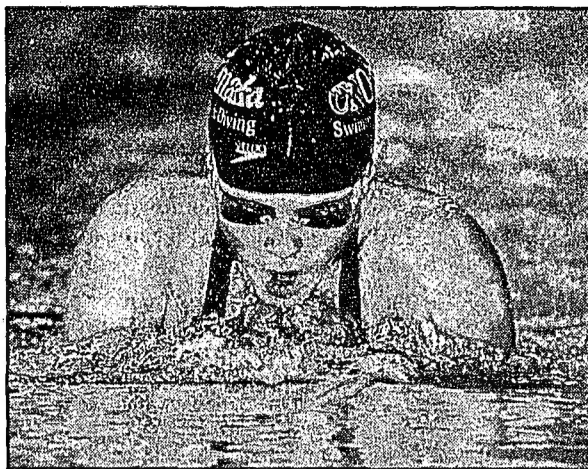


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UNO Sophomore Steph Patterson comes up for air during her breaststroke in practice Wednesday afternoon.

try our hardest," returning sophomore diver Nicki Nabb said.

She's right, there really shouldn't be any worrying going on, the team is well prepared for the meet. With three returning swimmers, a returning diver and ten newcomers the team is strong.

The reason, practice. On average, the swimmers spend two-and-a-half hours a day in the pool along with another half hour weight training. The divers spend about two hours diving, a half hour weight training and about another hour watching practice tapes and working on the trampoline.

Trampoline? Yes, the trampoline allows the divers to practice repeated twists and somers-

saults, along with being a good warm up method. But don't try this at home, they are strapped into safety harnesses to avoid injury.

The swimmers on the team also get their workout. Each year Coach Samland figures out where the team needs to be, and plans his practices accordingly. Each practice is varied so there will be overall good conditioning, which helps avoid injury, and keeps practice from becoming routine. So far it has worked, except for a couple of sore backs and the common aches and pains, there have not been any injuries this season.

As the season progresses, the practices will change. Samland said, there will be times

when certain parts will be focused on more, such as arms and legs, in order to get the team to the points that he feels they need to be at.

What point are they at now? Well, they're good. Freshman diver Aja Wurth has been winning diving events, and the other divers, Nicki Nabb and Karla Schrole, are right there with her.

The swimmers are looking good as well. Returning to the team this year are three sophomores, Kristy Malone, Steph Patterson, and Kim Ferris. They along with the eight freshmen swimmers are stacking up quite a record for a small team.

The team has a total of fourteen women, who are almost all from the Omaha area. Samland said it is a smaller team when compared to other schools like the University of Northern Colorado, who started the year with 43 people and had to cut their team to 24.

Samland said he would like to have a larger team, but he's happy with the one he's got. "It's just nice that we have that type of talent base in Omaha," he said, "this is a really fun team to coach."

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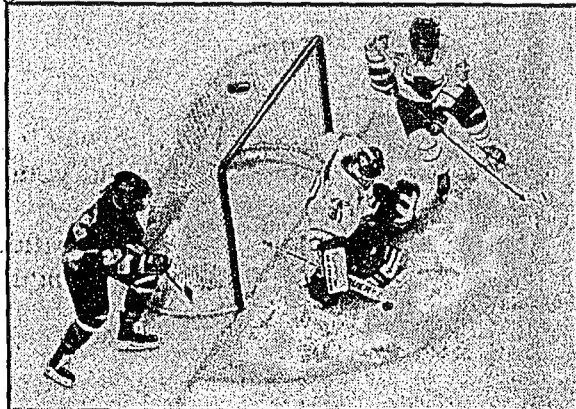
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## Mavs Ready For Battle With Army

by Andy Nordmeier  
Sports Editor

The Maverick hockey team will try and get wins two and three this weekend when they play host to the United States Military Academy in the Civic Auditorium. Face-off is at 7:35 p.m. both nights.

The Mavericks (1-5-0) come off getting their first win of the season Saturday against Minnesota State-Mankato, a 6-5 win while the Army's Cadets are 1-3-0 this year. Both teams are having trouble putting the puck in the net as each squad averages two goals per game so far this season.



UNO goaltender Kendall Sidoruk (center) looks for the puck as Minnesota State's Tim Wolfe (left) and UNO defenseman Ryan Bencurik (right) wait for the rebound.

"On the surface, it could be a low scoring event," Maverick Head Coach Mike Kemp said. "It's tough to judge."

Army is fresh off losses to Colgate (4-3) and Rochester Polytechnical Institute (RPI) by a 7-1 score. Andy Foss lead Army with two goals and goal tender Corey Winer has a 3.78 goals against average and a save percentage of .906.

The Mavericks will still be without forward Dave Noel-Bernier (high ankle sprain) and defense man Josh Lampman (separated shoulder) who are still nursing injuries from the Oct. 17 game against Maine.

The Mavericks aren't familiar with playing with a lead. The first one the team has had this season was when Jeff Hoggan scored 1:40 into the first period Saturday night. Outside of that, the Mavericks have been playing catch-up hockey all season.

"You can't downplay the importance of the value of the first goal," Kemp said, "For a young team scoring the first goal is a confidence booster. Doubt creeps in when you play from behind."

The Mavs will need that kind of confidence for the next games, two weeks away, when they travel to Buffalo, N.Y. to take on the Purple Eagles of Niagara. Niagara has been the surprise of the young season as they have notched wins over defending national champion Michigan and Ohio State. The Mavs next appearance on home ice is Thanksgiving weekend when they host the Big Green of Dartmouth Nov. 27-28.

# UNO Looks To Tame The Mustangs

by Andy Nordmeier  
Sports Editor

The Maverick football team is still trying to nudge its way in to the playoffs and will take another step closer if they beat the Morningside Mustangs tomorrow afternoon at Roberts Field in Sioux City, Iowa.

The Mavs (7-2 overall) are a part of the three-way log-jam at the top of the conference with North Dakota and Northern Colorado; all three teams are 6-1 in the North Central Conference this year with the Mavericks having beaten both teams.

Morningside is, well, Morningside and in their usual spot on the bottom of the conference standings (2-7 overall and 1-6 in conference and tied with South Dakota for last place). They broke their dry spell in conference games this year when they posted a win over South Dakota on Oct. 17 by a 38-31 count and also have a 58-0 win over Quincy to their credit as well.

History bodes well for the Mavericks as they have won the last three games between the two teams, including last year's 31-14 win here in Omaha. Morningside's last win over the Mavericks was in 1994, the 1-10 season.

The Mavericks are fresh off a 35-27 victory over Minnesota State that Head Coach Pat Behrns said was a game "we knew we had to win." While Morningside was clocked by Northern Colorado 49-14. Morningside held a brief 7-6 lead in the game.

Despite Morningside's losing record, the Mavs know they can't have a let down against the Mustangs.

"This would be a devastating loss if we lost. We can't take anybody lightly," Behrns said, "8-3 will not get

you in the playoffs this year."

Morningside has been using its passing attack more this year. Quarterback J.J. White has thrown for nearly 1,100 yards and 10 touchdowns. Mitch Allner has been his favorite target as he has 698 receiving yards and nine touchdowns. Look for Morningside to go with four or even five wide receivers on passing downs and for the Mavs to bring in either Ahmad Austin or Vong Xaykasy in the "nickel defense" (five defensive backs on the field). Their ground game is led by Odyssei Wildrige who has 674 yards and three touchdowns this year. Most of Wildrige's yards came in the 58-0 rout of Quincy when he had carries for 215 yards back on Sept. 12.

"If we shut off the run, they'll spread it out," Behrns said.

Should the Mavericks win, this will be the first time in school history that the football team has put together three consecutive years with at least eight wins each.

The Maverick defense has been slowed by a few injuries suffered on last week's soggy turf at Blakeslee Field in Mankato, Minn. where cornerback Nathan Tate (pulled hamstring) and nose tackle Jay Wineinger (sprained knee ligament) suffered injuries in the win.

"They're not giving up yardage," Behrns said about the Mustangs' defense, that is in the middle of the pack statistically.

It could be a tough battle for the Mavericks but turnovers and penalties will be the key to winning again this week.

Next week could be a whole different story as the Mavericks will try and take out some year-long frustration on

St. Cloud State when those two teams meet in Omaha Nov. 14. St. Cloud State (2-7 overall, 2-5 in the NCC) killed the Mavs' playoff chances last year when they hammered UNO 46-7 up in St. Cloud, Minn. on a snowy final day of the 1997 season.

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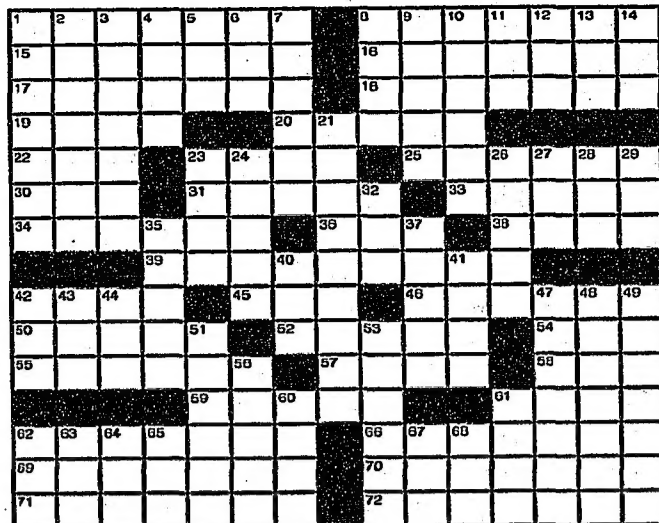


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